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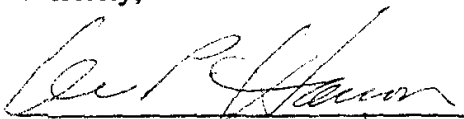
Dear Ms. Smith:

I would like to respond to your August 13, 1996, letter (MUR 4434) that alleges a possible campaign contribution violation. First, I would like to state that I would never knowingly violate any law and feel that neither my wife nor I have done so. Please allow me to provide the background.

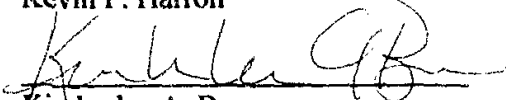
In November of 1994, I made a decision to contribute to Mark Sharpe's campaign. I asked my wife of sixteen years, Kimberlee A. Brown, (legal name) to make out and mail the check. My wife handles all of our personal finances. As such, she writes and signs 99% of all checks written on our account. Additionally, my name appears on the check below hers. (enclosed) From my perspective, the issue was closed at this point. The week prior to the article appearing in the Tampa Tribune, three phone calls were made to my home. The first call was from a reporter who left a message on our answering machine. The second call was to our baby-sitter who told the reporter we were not home at the time. The third call was answered by my wife who simply told the reporter that it was my contribution.(Kevin Harron) She gave the reporter my office number and told him to call me there if he had any questions. Curiously, the latter part of her comment was not quoted in the paper and no call was placed to me.

Ms. Smith, I can certainly understand that taken out of context or looked at in pieces, one might draw a conclusion that would help this reporter create a story. However, neither I nor my wife, who live by the highest standards of integrity and ethics, appreciates being misrepresented this way. As I stated earlier, there was no intent to deceive or violate any law. Obviously, if my signature was on the check, there would be no issue at all. I hope this letter will clarify any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,



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